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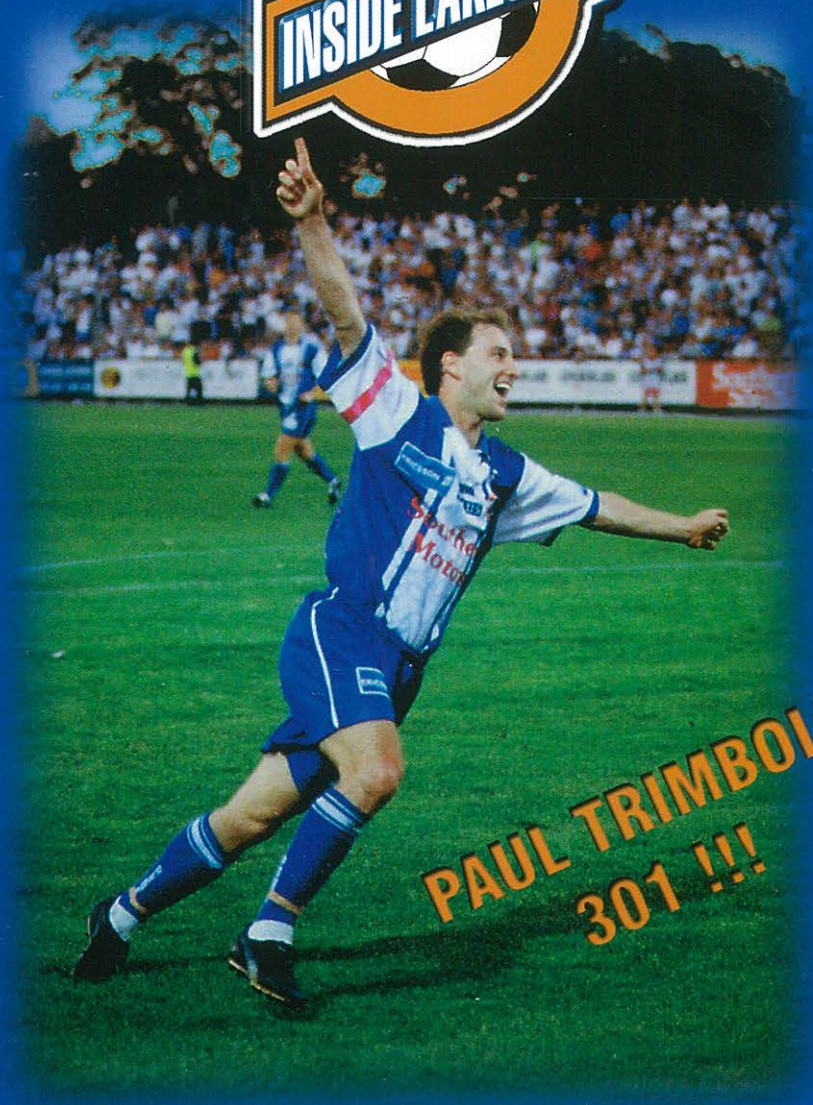

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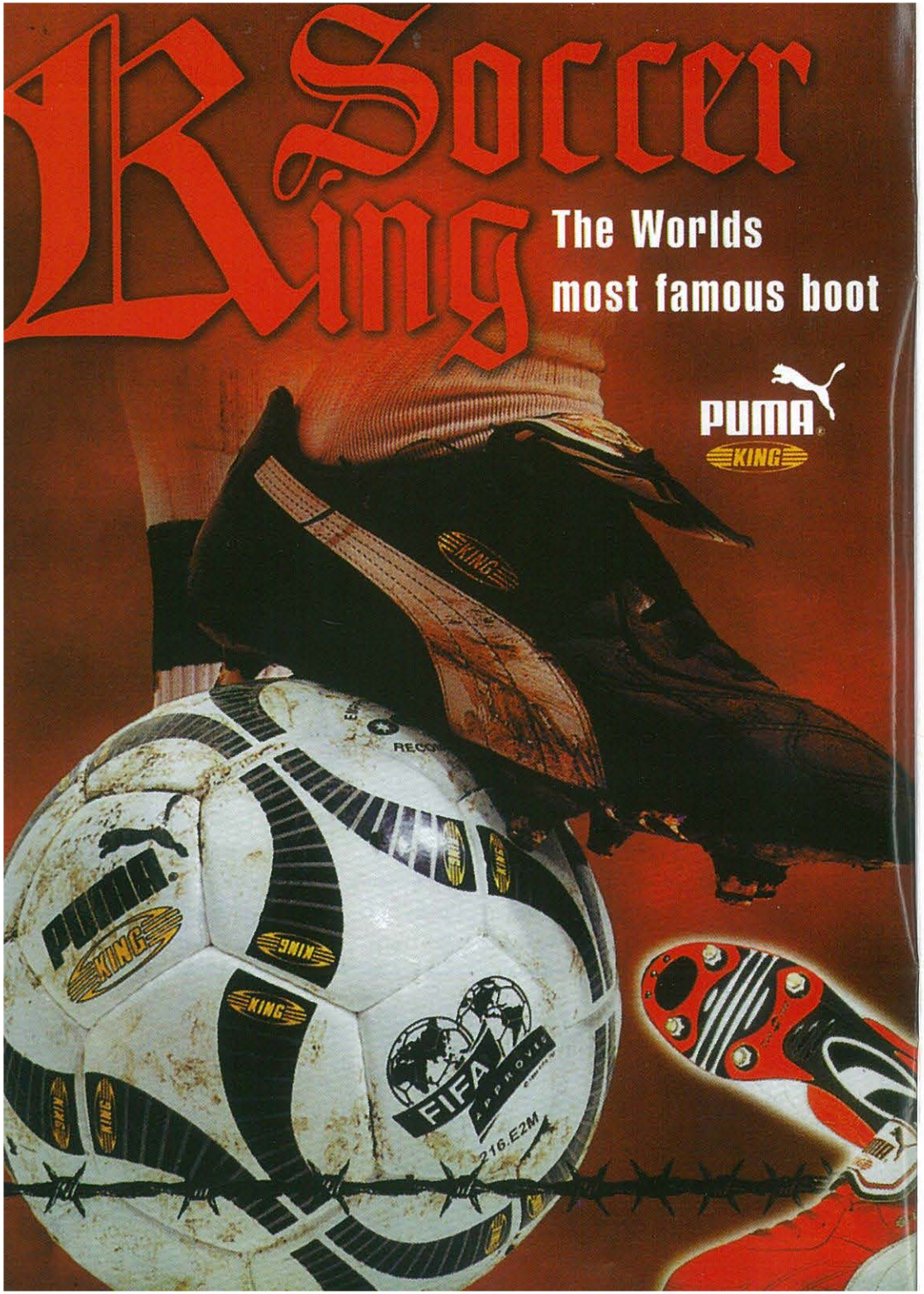

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MESSAGE FROM GEORGE VASILOPOULOS

It is very heartening to see that more and more young people are attending each week, ensuring that we are building strong foundations as we enter into the new millennium. These young people will support and carry the Club's proud history, adding many more achievements, honors and milestones to our already prestigious list.

Yet another of our great players has reached one such milestone, and it is with great pleasure that I speak about Paul Trimboli today. I congratulate him on reaching 300 games, which is a tremendous achievement in any sporting field. On behalf of the Club and all supporters, I thank him for his loyalty, dedication and excellence in leadership, both on and off the field. He has been a great inspiration for all of our players, who unfailingly look to him for guidance and support. Well done Paul, and may your future here at the South Melbourne Soccer Club be as illustrious as it has been to date.

I am also pleased to announce that the Club has introduced 'Fabulous Friday Night Football', tonight marking the first of three games we are committed to. There has been strong demand for Friday night games, and we are hopeful that all our supporters will get behind this new venture, making it a great success.

Finally, may I again remind all of our supporters about the importance of not incurring any fines this season. It is very encouraging to see that the incidents of flares being ignited have lessened, but we must all try to stamp out this practice entirely.

Enjoy the day, and let's all give Paul Trimboli an unforgettable memory as he plays his 301 game!

A MESSAGE FROM THE COACH

Two weeks ago, we honored a great champion in Mickey P. Today we pay tribute to Paul Trimboli, who played his 300th NSL game last week. Obviously it's a great achievement and my congratulations go to him for his sustained excellence. Of course, the best is yet to come and the exciting thing is that all of us involved with the Club will be able to watch at close quarters.

As well as his playing ability, I would like to highlight his leadership qualities. As Captain of the Club, he seta a great example and has everyone's respect both in the dressing room and around the Club.

The next stage of his career I believe is going to be the most exciting for him and for South Melbourne, and it is then that his achievements will truly be realized by everyone in the game.

So, congratulations go to Trimmers and his partner Sam, who puts up with him! Also congratulations must go to his family, who undoubtedly have given him great support. Our Club has been very lucky to have him in our ranks and as he'll tell you, like all of us, he feels privileged to have been a part of it.

WELL DONE TRIMMERS!

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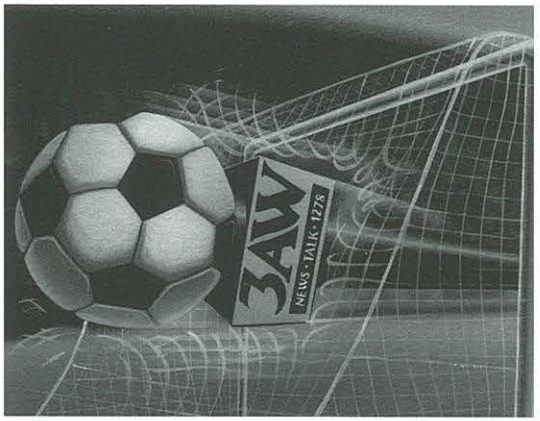

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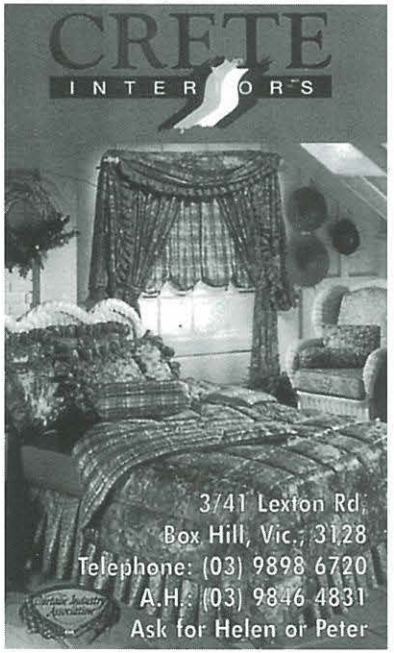

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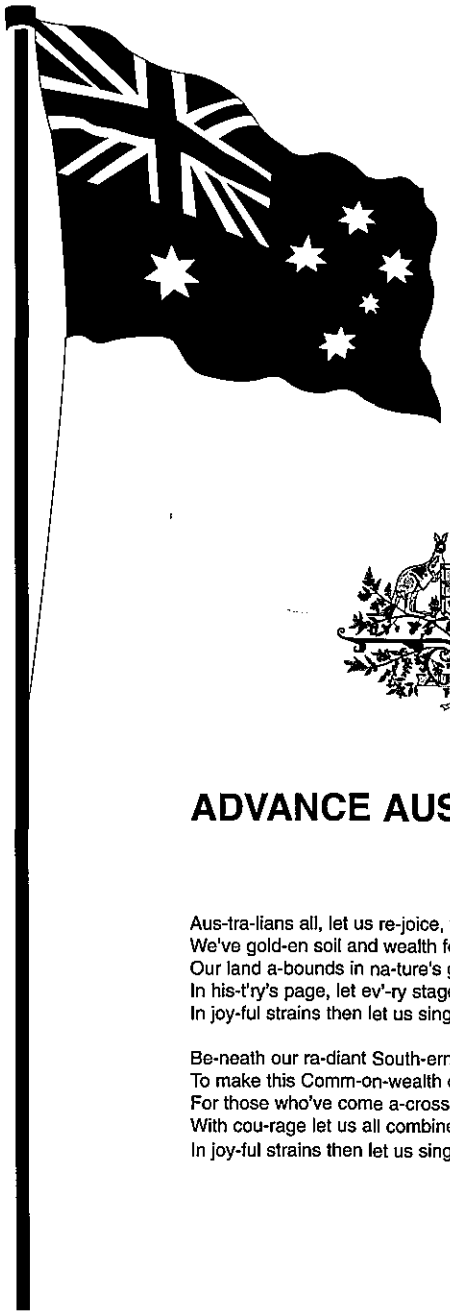

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We've gold-en soil and wealth for toil, our home is girt by sea;
Our land a-bounds in na-ture's gifts, of beau-ty rich and rare,
In his-t'ry's page, let ev'-ry stage Ad-vance Aus-tra-lia fair;
In joy-ful strains then let us sing, Ad-vance Aus-tra-lia fair.

Be-neath our ra-diant South-ern Cross, we'll toil with hearts and hands,
To make this Comm-on-wealth of ours, re-nowned of all the lands;
For those who've come a-cross the seas, we've bound-less plains to share,
With cou-rage let us all combine to Ad-vance Aus-tra-lia fair;
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BEING A LAKER'S LEGEND II

Last issue I wrote about the various playing legends that South Melbourne Soccer Club has had over the years and how important it was to show our appreciation to the players for the contributions they have made to the club over the years. You also may have read Ange Postecoglou's article titled 'Our Legacy', where Ange wrote about the various clubs, that once seemed invincible, and are now either defunct or playing in front of a few hundred people in lower sub-standard leagues.

It was partly this story that motivated me into writing about the other legends of the South Melbourne Soccer Club. These legends are the people who have worked hard over the years to make sure we have the best facilities, players and club in the country. These legends are the ones responsible for making your club what it is today, a benchmark in Australian Soccer. The people I'm talking about are the Club's **VOLUNTEERS**, whether they be Board Members, the gear steward or the boot studder.

These volunteers don't get paid nor do they expect to. They do things for one simple reason: they **LOVE** the South Melbourne Soccer Club. Whether it is called Hellas, Lakers or the Potatoes, it doesn't matter to them, they will always try to make South Melbourne SC. the greatest sporting club in the country.

Recently a new breed of SMSC volunteers emerged, in the form of a few dedicated, loyal and young supporters. They came to the Club full of criticism and realized that this criticism was non-productive. The only way they could help the Club was to do exactly that, **HELP THE CLUB**. From this, the Lakers Supporters Group was formed. These people do everything their time permits them to do, from producing and selling this match day program, to raffling off the signed framed team picture on match day, to just doing odd jobs around the club.

This brings me to ask the question to each and every so called South Melbourne fanatic, whether they be the people congregating behind the goals or the people who come to Bob Jane Stadium two hours before the game to watch the youth or to sit in the social club. All I ask these people is, if you're here a while before the game starts, why don't you help a little, even if it is just for an hour or two? There are never too many volunteers, in fact there will probably never be enough. We need your help in certain areas, as simple as: helping with 'Inside Lakeside' sales, raffle ticket sales, putting out and taking in advertising signs and manning the turnstiles.

At the moment the club has to waste money paying security guards to collect tickets and clip Memberships at the turnstiles. These people and this money can be used for other purposes. All it takes is four people to man the turnstiles, which allows security to do the job they're supposed to do. Helping the club may not seem like your idea of a day at the soccer, but you'll be surprised at the fun you can have, especially when you're doing it with a few friends.

The best thing about helping is that you literally feel a part of the Club, you're contributing to the Club's off-field performance, which ultimately rubs off onto the on-field performance. Another very important thing is that by the time the game starts, you are back in your favourite spot cheering for the lads and/or abusing the opposition players (whatever you enjoy most).

If you truly bleed blue and white, it's time to put your time and heart where your mouth is. Become a Lakers Legend of your own - you won't be Paul Trimboli or Doug Brown but you will make your mark, and help South Melbourne Soccer Club reach its ultimate potential. Every little bit makes a difference, so come on, help the Lakers Supporters Group! We need you as soon as possible!

For more information talk to the guys and girls selling this program and the raffle tickets or call the club on **9645-9797** and remember, helping doesn't mean you'll miss any of the game, it just adds to the satisfaction of watching your team win.

GO LAKERS

TRIMMERS - 300 AND STILL GOING STRONG

Paul Trimboli is undoubtedly one of Australia's finest players. He reached an enviable milestone in his career last week, playing 300 National Soccer League games and in the process scoring 85 goals. Trimboli made his debut in the NSL back in 1987 as a 16-year-old, with Sunshine George Cross. The following year South Melbourne snapped up the talented striker for a bargain price of $2,000.
Trimboli has gone on to represent Australia at youth and senior levels and is hoping to stake a claim in Terry Venables' squad for the upcoming game against the fourth placed Asian team. Accolades such as the Warren Medal in 1993/94, under - 21 player of the year 1988 & 89, goal of the year in 1989, a Championship with South Melbourne in 1991 and five best & fairest with the Lakers stand proudly next to Trimboli's name. **Paul Trimboli we salute you!**

JR: Which game would you describe as the most memorable one, and why?
PT: Easily the 1991 Grand Final, for obvious reasons. For anyone who remembers that game the circumstances were pretty dramatic, especially the closing stages.

JR: How would you describe your first game in the National Soccer League (NSL)?
PT: I think my first game would have been against South Melbourne with Sunshine, the first game of the 1987 season at Middle Park. We got hammered 3-0 and I think Paul Wade scored a couple of goals that day so we didn't get much of a sniff and I was playing on the forward line so I watching most of the game.

JR: In the same year you scored a hatrick against South Melbourne at Chaplin Reserve.
PT: That was actually the first game of the second half of the season, at this point we hadn't won a game . We played South Melbourne and beat them 3-0. I scored all three goals, and the amazing thing was that they were all headers and Steve Blair was marking me that day, so it was just an amazing game.

JR: Many players have gone overseas to earn a living out of the game, why hasn't a class player such as Paul Trimboli gone?
PT: Well I had an opportunity when I was younger, I went had a look and it really did not work out. And then I suppose it was a combination of me not actively seeking a move and opportunities not really coming up. A lot of people thought I was happy staying here. I was happy staying in Australia but that did not mean I didn't have aspirations to play overseas, I had another opportunity last season and again it was probably not the right time.

JR: Do you see yourself in Terry Venables' plans for the upcoming World Cup qualifier against the fourth placed Asian team?
PT: I like to think so. I have been in the squad since he became coach and I have played a part in seven out of the twelve games. The rest of the time I have been on the bench so I have not been completely out of the 18, so I would like to think that holds me in some position to be in the squad.

JR: Who has been the greatest influence on your career?
PT: I suppose everybody you come in contact with, coaches and fellow players all have an influence on you in some way. My family obviously with the support they have given me and probably just myself, you push yourself and you have your different goals you try to achieve.

JR: You have had offers from opposition clubs in recent years why have you decided to stay with South Melbourne?
PT: Well for me and it's probably a bias view because I haven't been to other Clubs, I think it's the best Club in the League. South Melbourne supporters are the best in the business, it's just a great place to play, it's got a great history, it's always had good players that played good football, I love Melbourne and I love South Melbourne.

JR: In your ten years at South Melbourne, many players have come and gone ,which player in your mind stands out as the best?
PT: I've played with a lot of players, I don't know whether I could single out one player I think at different stages we have had many good players. The biggest thing that stands out in my mind has

always been the comradeship and the feeling amongst the boys. It's been an enjoyable place to play and it's always had a good team spirit which is something that has kept me at the club as well.

JR: What would be your advice to youngsters wanting to make it in the NSL?
PT: You obviously have to love the game, want to work hard, learn all the time and always dream of being the best you can be and going as far as you can. Patience is important because a lot of kids want too much too soon, when they are still learning the game. They want to be at a point where they are playing all the time or they are earning good money. I think if you do the right things and work hard and keep your head down, the right things will come.

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT PAUL TRIMBOLI

Ange Postecoglou *(South Melbourne Coach)* - "He is the best player I have ever played with or seen in this country. Trimboli has always been a marked man and from day one people have known how talented he was and I think consistently he has always proven to be amongst the best players in this country."

Greg Blake *(Optus Vision)* - "There's two sports people in Australia that I rate as champions, Paul Trimboli and Andrew Gaze. You can rank them both in your top five of sports people in the country. It takes a great player to play 300 games so well and on a consistent basis. Trimboli is also a champion bloke and that's not easy to be either."

John Forbes *(Puma Australia)* - "Paul has endured in the toughest Soccer competition in the Nation, and in the process has won the admiration of all involved in sport itself. He is a credit to his Club, his Sport and his family. We will be with him all the way".

Michael Reid *(The Age)* - "If any Australian player deserves a bow on the world's biggest soccer stage, it's South Melbourne's ever loyal servant".

Paul Trimboli in his debut season for South Melbourne celebrates the Buffalo Cup win with his team-mates.

1961 Season Highlights

- Antonis Karagiannis scores 15 goals in the championship
- 17,000 crowd Vs Polonia, 16,000 Vs George Cross
- Semi-finalist Ampol Cup
- 6-1 winners over Richmond

In 1961 South Melbourne managed 5th place in it's first attempt in the State League. In the Armstrong Cup South Melbourne lost the semi-final 1-4 to the eventual winners Wilhelmina.

State League Results Grid

	BH	GC	Hak	JUST	Juve	Melb	Mld	Pol	Rmd	Slav	SMH	Wil
BH	***	0-2	0-4	2-1	4-1	0-1	0-1	0-2	2-0	2-6	0-1	1-2
GC	2-0	***	2-1	0-1	1-1	2-0	6-0	1-2	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-2
Hak	6-1	1-2	***	3-2	4-0	2-5	2-0	1-2	1-1	2-1	5-4	2-3
JUST	4-1	1-2	3-4	***	1-0	0-1	4-1	1-3	3-2	1-6	1-3	3-1
Juve	1-2	1-1	0-3	1-2	***	2-1	3-3	0-4	3-1	1-2	4-1	3-2
Melb	6-1	0-3	1-1	1-0	2-1	***	2-1	2-3	1-1	0-4	3-0	0-1
Mld	2-1	1-4	3-4	1-5	1-2	1-1	***	0-1	3-2	0-3	1-4	1-2
Pol	1-0	1-2	5-0	1-3	2-1	5-0	2-3	***	3-1	0-0	1-1	0-0
Rmd	1-0	1-1	3-1	0-3	0-3	3-3	1-1	0-3	***	1-3	3-4	0-3
Slav	0-0	3-2	0-5	3-2	0-0	0-0	2-4	1-5	1-0	***	1-1	2-8
SMH	3-2	1-0	1-1	3-3	2-0	2-0	2-1	0-2	6-1	5-1	***	1-2
Wil	2-0	0-2	1-3	1-1	4-1	2-1	4-1	2-3	5-1	1-1	1-1	***

Final Ladder

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Polonia	22	16	3	3	51	19	35
George Cross	22	14	4	4	43	17	32
Wilhelmina	22	13	4	5	49	29	30
Hakoah	22	12	3	7	53	40	27
SM Hellas	22	10	5	7	45	38	25
Slavia	22	9	5	8	39	42	23
JUST	22	10	2	10	45	40	22
Melbourne	22	8	5	9	30	35	21
Juventus	22	7	5	10	32	40	19
Moreland	22	5	3	14	30	57	13
Richmond	22	2	5	15	23	55	9
Box Hill	22	3	2	17	18	46	8

Special thanks to John Punshon

YOUTH TEAMS REPORT

TEAM LISTS

YOUTH TEAM

1	Theodore Patsiotis
2	Socratis Pappas
3	Louie Rozanitis
4	Zivanovic
5	Robert Liparoti
6	Tas Psonis
7	Gary Kostakis
8	Kon Karasavidis
10	James Kasikakis
11	Sam Klidonas
12	Tas Tragakis
13	Evan Papadopoulos
14	John Tambouras
15	Jim Drossos
18	Grant Kennedy

ROCKETS

1	Frank Manganis
2	Aleksandar Mrkic
3	Phillip Klathas
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LEAGUE LADDER
SOUTHERN DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Carlton	4	4	0	0	11	1	12	
Melbourne Knights	3	3	0	0	18	3	9	
Gippsland Falcons	3	3	0	0	5	0	9	
Buleen	4	2	0	2	4	4	6	
Heidelberg United	4	2	0	2	4	6	6	
Bentleigh Greens	4	1	1	2	4	5	4	
Altona Magic	3	1	0	2	3	8	3	
South Melbourne Rockets	3	1	0	2	5	18	3	
South Melbourne	2	0	1	1	3	5	1	
VIS	2	0	0	2	1	4	0	
Albury-Wodonga		4	0	0	4	3	7	0

ROUND 5 RESULTS

VIS	v	Carlton	0 - 2
South Melb. Rockets	v	Albury Wodonga	3 - 2
Heidelberg Utd	v	Gippsland Falcons	0 - 3

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Fri Nov 7	Youth	v	Heidelberg United	Bob Jane Stadium	5.30pm
Sat Nov 8	VIS	v	Rockets	Dendy Park	4.00pm

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

Sat Nov 15	Gippsland Falcons	v	Youth	Falcons park	3.30pm
Sun Nov 16	Melb Knights	v	Rockets	Knights Stadium	3.30pm

OUR VISITORS

The Adelaide Shark's eye-catching style has won them many admirers, but their inconsistency is an obvious concern for Coach Adrian Santrac. They have an impressive home record but their away form is letting them down. This season, the Sharks have won at the time of writing their first two home games; against UTS Olympic 3-1 and Canberra Cosmos 3-0. Unfortunately, their two away games at Newcastle and Marconi have resulted in defeats. Having said that, the Sharks are capable of winning outside South Australia; as they did when defeating South Melbourne 3-2 at Bob Jane Stadium's inaugural match on November 26,1995.

During the off-season, the Club officially changed its name from West Adelaide to Adelaide Sharks. Due to redevelopment's at Hindmarsh, the Sharks have been playing their home matches at Thebarton Oval, a move that will not have helped their preparations. It is envisaged that the team will move back to Hindmarsh in the new year.

This round 6 clash will also see the return to Bob Jane of former Laker Alex Kuzmanovic, who joined the Sharks during the winter, along with Adrian Iandiorio, formerly of Adelaide City. After the opening round defeat at Newcastle, Adrian Santrac bought goalkeeper Frank Mikuletic from the Leichard Tigers, George Kollias - the Sergio Melta South Australian Premier League Player of the year - and Bill Misailidis from Port Lion Pirates. Mikuletic and Misailidis made their debut in the recent victory over UTS Olympic. Adrian Santrac has also strengthened the Club's South American links, by securing the Brazilian Bigu, who made his debut in the victory over Canberra. The Club is still waiting for an international clearance for a second Brazilian, Pedro Paolo Oliveira. Alongside Cardozo and Iriarte, the Sharks now have a truly Latin American feel.

Considering the players who have left the Club, it will take time for Santrac's side to settle. Robbie Hooker has left for Sydney United, last season's top scorer Hamilton Thorpe has moved to Portsmouth, Ross Aloisi is now playing in Switzerland and Michael Harkness has been transferred to Sorrento in WA. Nevertheless, the squad has enough quality to challenge for the top six. Con Kokkinoplitis has taken over the Captaincy from Robbie Hooker and is aided by the side's three Vice-Captains, Alex Kuzmanovic, Robert Slager and Branko Milosevic. Richie Alagich is currently out with a knee cartilage injury.

Andrew Borghetto in action

PLAYERS TO WATCH

JIM TSEKINIS - The 22 year old forward first came to public attention during the 1993 World Youth Cup in Australia. His speed, mobility and dribbling skills mark him as one of the League's most valuable players. Tsekinis was the Sharks top scorer in 1995/96 with 15 goals.

PABLO CARDOZO - The former Sydney Olympic star was originally signed for the Sharks by Raoul Blanco. An imaginative player, with the passing ability to create chances for the Shark's attack; he also has an eye for goal, scoring four in the first four rounds.

NATHAN DAY - The flamboyant former Campbell town City player has made an enormous impact in the short time since his debut in 1995/96. He scored five goals in that season, including one in the inaugural match at Bob Jane Stadium. A confident and skillful player, he can be spectacular on his day.

PREVIOUS RESULTS
SOUTH MELBOURNE V ADELAIDE SHARKS
(Courtesy of John Punshon)

Played 36		Won 24		Drawn 2		Lost 10
Goals		For 73		Against 36		
	H	A			H	A
1977	1-2	1-1	1986		2-1	2-0
1978	0-2	1-3	1989-90		1-0	4-1
1979	3-4	1-0	1991-92		3-0	7-1
1980	2-0	0-1	1992-93		4-2	0-3
1981	5-0	2-0	1993-94		2-0	2-0
1982	2-2	0-1	1994-95		2-0	1-2
1983	1-0	1-0	1995-96		2-3 2-1	2-0
1984	4-0 2-1	1-3	1996-97		1-0	2-0
1985	4-2	3-0				

• South Melbourne score is first

THIS WEEK'S GAMES
Round 6

Fri	Nov 7	7.30pm	Gippsland	v	Canberra
Fri	Nov 7	7.30pm	Sydney Utd	v	Newcastle
Sat	Nov 8	5.00pm	Carlton	v	Melb Knights
Sun	Nov 9	4.00pm	Perth	v	UTS Olympic
Sun	Nov 9	7.30pm	Adel City	v	Brisbane
Sun	Nov 9	6.30pm	Wollongong	v	Marconi

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES
Round 7

Fri	Nov 14	7.30pm	Newcastle	v	Carlton
Sat	Nov 15	7.00pm	Canberra	v	Brisbane
Sat	Nov 15	7.00pm	Marconi	v	Perth
Sat	Nov 15	6.00pm	Gippsland	v	South Melbourne
Sun	Nov 16	7.30pm	Adel Sharks	v	Wollongong
Sun	Nov 16	6.30pm	UTS Olympic	v	Sydney Utd
Sun	Nov 16	6.00pm	Melb Knights	v	Adelaide City

1997/98 ERICSSON CUP TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	POINTS
Carlton	5	4	1	0	10	4	13
Sydney United	5	3	2	0	8	3	11
Marconi Fairfield	5	3	1	1	7	3	10
South Melbourne	5	2	3	0	11	6	9
Adelaide Sharks	5	3	0	2	9	7	9
Perth Glory	5	3	0	2	9	10	9
UTS Olympic	5	2	1	2	7	8	7
Adelaide City	4	2	0	2	7	7	6
Newcastle Breakers	5	1	2	2	8	9	5
Melbourne Knights	5	1	2	2	5	6	5
Wollongong Wolves	4	1	1	2	4	3	4
Gippsland Falcons	5	1	1	3	2	6	4
Brisbane Strikers	5	1	0	4	2	7	3
Canberra Cosmos	5	0	0	5	3	13	0

South Melbourne Stats v Newcastle Breakers away - 17.10.97

EP = Effective Passes
EF = Effective Free-kick
T = Tackles
TB = Through Balls
S = Saves
IP = Ineffective Passes
NT = Interceptions
BL = Blocks
AS = Assists
OS = Off-Sides
EH = Effective Headers
EC = Effective Cross
CL = Clearncaes
SOT = Shots On Target

	S	EP	IP	EH	EF	NT	EC	T	BL	CL	TB	AS	SOT	OS
Petkovic	11													
De Amicis		32	2			1				3				
Blatsis		24	4	6		4		2		3				
Orlic		17	4	11		3		6		2				
Baser		21	4	3		3				2				
Clarkson		49	2					3		1				
Damianos		48	5	3				2			5			
Panopoulos		30	2	4						3				
Anastasiadis		23	4											
Trimboli		35	12	2					1	1	4			
Curcija		19	4	2										5
Coveny (sub)		5	1											
Boutsianis (sub)		10	2	1								1		

SOUTH MELBOURNE

1. Michael Petkovic
2. Steve Iosifidis
3. Fausto De Amicis
4. Nick Orlic
5. Con Blatsis
6. David Clarkson
7. Steve Panopoulos
8. Vaughan Coveny
9. Paul Trimboli
10. Michael Curcija
11. Billy Damianos
12. Con Boutsianis
13. Jason Polak
15. Goran Lozanovski
16. Tansell Baser
17. John Anastasiadis
18. Robert Liparoti
19. George Goutzoulis
20. Chris Jones
21. John Tambouras
22. Frank Catalono

ADELAIDE SHARKS

1. Frank Mikuletic
2. Alex Castro
3. Frank Tibaldi
4. Alex Kuzmanovic
5. Branko Milosevic
6. Con Kokkinoplitis
7. Corey Artone
8. Richie Alagich
9. Nathan Day
11. Pablo Cardozo
12. Andrew Borghetto
13. Paul Pezos
14. Jamie Perin
15. Bigu-Reginaldo Da Silve
16. John Cutillo
17. Jim Tsekinis
18. Pedro Oliveira
20. Nathan Wildy
21. Adrian Iandiorio

Shots at Goal :
Corners :
Free Kicks :
Offsides :

Referee:
Crowd:
Weather:

Shots at Goal:
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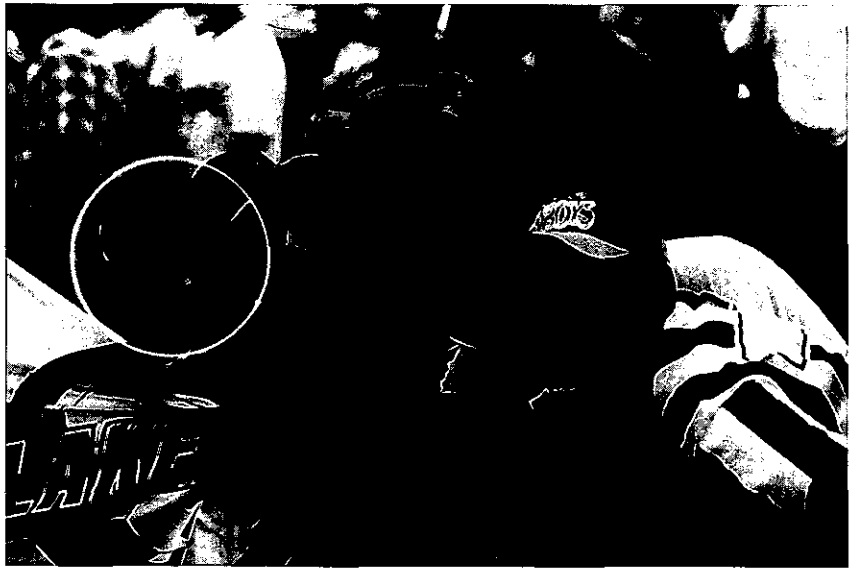
•	Golf Day	Feb TBA
•	Grand Gala Auction Sports Bar	Mar TBA
•	Annual Ball & Presentation Night	Jun TBA



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MAIL, INTERNET AND FAX

I am very surprised to find one proeminent Trimboli in Australia. Please tell Mr. Paul Trimboli that there is a Trimboli (me, Jorge Trimboli) at Brazil. I borned at Argentina and I am living at Sao Paolo-Brasil, just the main soccer countries in America!!!
Please, tell to Paul Trimboli my e-mail. Thank you so much!
Jorge Trimboli

To our esteemed colleagues across town.
Greetings from Knights Park. As a Knights supporter I must say that the word 'arrogance' can be summed up with one simple phrase, 'Carlton Soccer Club'. Here we are, established Clubs in Melbourne and we are supposedly under threat from this unknown quantity. At the moment, we can honestly say, "Not". Carlton expected ten thousand plus fans at its opening game but was forced to eat humble pie. As we all know, it's not as simple as creating a new 'non ethnic Club', and having the crowds turn up. Still, our both Clubs must be weary of the fact that if we, as the two established Clubs in Melbourne don't work together, this so called 'Carlton phenomena' may slowly but surely attract the crowds which we have established, nurtured and developed. Melbourne is the home of AFL and we cannot allow this AFL experiment to show us off at our own game. Unity is one thing, extinction is another. It's time that the Knights and the Lakers showed the way with soccer in Australia, and that must start with both Clubs and supporters joining together to show up this AFL sensation. Here's hoping for a Knights V Lakers Grand Final at a packed out Olympic Park.

Regards, The Mighty Melbourne Knight.

Ange,
Tell Peter Tsiboukis to use more paint/dust on his line marking machine. We couldn't see the far end penalty area markings from halfway up the stand on the opposite end.
The boys looked tired in the second half against UTS, are you training them too hard on not enough?
Trimmers for FIFA Presidency when he retires.....

Regards, Jim T

First of all I would like to congratulate you on your work on the fantastic South Melbourne Web Page. I find this page pretty useful for lots of information. I would just like to ask you if you ever need help to update this page if you can contact me and I will help you voluntary. I am also a proud and paid up Lakers Member!!!
Now about myself. My name is Perry A. and I am 15 years old, a male from Geelong. I play soccer myself for Bell Park u15's and in the 1st Senior in State league Division 2. I build Internet Web Pages for Companies and people.
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Perry.

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1997-98 SENIOR SQUAD

JOHN ANASTASIADIS

Position	Midfielder
Born	13-8-68
Height	179cm
Weight	76kg
NSL Games	
Last Club	Paok
Internationals	Youth
Debut	1997
Nickname	
Shirt No	17

VAUGHAN COVENY

Position	Striker
Born	13.12.71
Height	6'2"
Weight	85kg
NSL Games	116
Last Club	Wollongong
Internationals	New Zealand
Debut	1995
Nickname	*Kiwi*
Shirt No	8

TANSELL BASER

Position	Defender
Born	17.4.78
Height	190cm
Weight	75kg
NSL Games	25
Last Club	Broadmeadows
Internationals	Youth
Debut	1995
Nickname	
Shirt No	16

MICHAEL CURCIJA

Position	Striker
Born	27.6.77
Height	183cm
Weight	80kg
NSL Games	32
Last Club	AIS
Internationals	Youth
Debut	1995
Nickname	
Shirt No	10

CON BLATSIS

Position	Defender
Born	6.7.77
Height	190cm
Weight	86kg
NSL Games	37
Last Club	AIS
Internationals	Youth
Debut	1995
Nickname	*Blats*
Shirt No	5

BILL DAMIANOS

Position	Midfielder
Born	18.4.77
Height	174cm
Weight	70kg
NSL Games	57
Last Club	Sunshine GC
Internationals	Youth
Debut	1994
Nickname	
Shirt No	11

CON BOUTSIANIS

Position	Midfielder
Born	27.12.71
Height	5'10"
Weight	75kg
NSL Games	37
Last Club	Collingwood
Internationals	
Debut	1988
Nickname	*Bootsi*
Shirt No	12

FAUSTO DE AMICIS

Position	Defender
Born	26.6.68
Height	170cm
Weight	65kg
NSL Games	139
Last Club	Melbourne Knights
Internationals	Socceroo
Debut	1996
Nickname	
Shirt No	3

DAVID CLARKSON

Position	Midfielder
Born	1.2.68
Height	176cm
Weight	70kg
NSL Games	108
Last Club	Happy Valley HK
Internationals	
Debut	1996
Nickname	*Clarky*
Shirt No	6

GEORGE GOUTZIOULIS

Position	Midfielder
Born	18.1.78
Height	180cm
Weight	69kg
NSL Games	2
Last Club	Bentleigh Greens
Internationals	
Debut	1996
Nickname	*Shaggy*
Shirt No	19

PLAYER PROFILES

STEVE IOSIFIDIS

Position	Midfielder
Born	28.12.73
Height	184cm
Weight	76kg
NSL Games	37
Last Club	Heidelberg UTD
Internationals	
Debut	1996
Nickname	*Yosa*
Shirt No	2

MICHAEL PETKOVIC

Position	Goalkeeper
Born	16.7.76
Height	6'3"
Weight	80kg
NSL Games	41
Last Club	Perth Kangaroos
Internationals	Olyroos
Debut	1995
Nickname	*Petka*
Shirt No	1

ROBERT LIPAROTI

Position	Defender
Born	2.4.78
Height	6'4"
Weight	85kg
NSL Games	1
Last Club	Bulleen
Internationals	
Debut	1996
Nickname	*Lipa*
Shirt No	18

JASON POLAK

Position	Midfielder
Born	9.1.68
Height	5'11"
Weight	80kg
NSL Games	183
Last Club	Newcastle Breakers
Internationals	Socceroo
Debut	1992
Nickname	
Shirt No	13

GORAN LOZANOVSKI

Position	Midfielder
Born	11.1.74
Height	180cm
Weight	86kg
NSL Games	
Last Club	Collingwood
Internationals	Socceroo
Debut	1997
Nickname	Lozo, Gibbo
Shirt No	15

PAUL TRIMBOLI

Position	Striker
Born	25.2.69
Height	173cm
Weight	74kg
NSL Games	290
Last Club	Sunshine GC
Internationals	Socceroo
Debut	1988
Nickname	*Trimmers*
Shirt No	9

NICK ORLIC

Position	Defender
Born	6.8.70
Height	6'3"
Weight	92kg
NSL Games	98
Last Club	UTS Olympic
Internationals	
Debut	1996
Nickname	
Shirt No	4

Manager/Coach:
Ange Postecoglou

Assistant Coach
Carl Halford

STEVE PANOPOULOS

Position	Midfielder
Born	23.6.75
Height	169cm
Weight	68kg
NSL Games	77
Last Club	Oakleigh
Internationals	
Debut	1992
Nickname	*Pana*
Shirt No	7

Assistant Coach
Mike Petersen

FOR ALL YOU TRIVIA BUFFS...

1. Which current South Melbourne player got on the score-sheet in the 1993/94 National Youth Final?
2. Which Club did South Melbourne play in their first NSL Match in April 1977?
3. What do Len McKendry, John Margaritis and Manny Poulakakis have in common?
4. Which South Melbourne player revealed last year that he had a Wayne Carey poster on his bedroom wall?
5. Who said the funniest thing they'd seen at South Melbourne was Peter Tsolakis?
6. Which current A-League Coach was a commentator for the ABC when that network televised the NSL in 1990?
7. Which NSL Club had 'Nik & Sons Butchery as their shirt sponsor in the early 1990's?
8. Mike Gibson, Jason Polak, Rod Brown and Nick Meredith all played for which Club in 1992/93?
9. Which former NSL Club played their home matches at Esther Park?
10. Who coached Canberra City in their inaugural NSL season in 1977?
11. Who was the last country to defeat Australia in a full International?
12. What is significant about the date 13 November, 1973?
13. Which South American country was the first to play Australia in a full International?
14. Which two players were joint top scorers for Australia at the 1992 Olympic Finals?
15. In 1994/95, Australia went 417 minutes without scoring an International goal. Which player finally broke the 'drought' against Japan?

ANSWERS

1. Steve Panopoulos
2. Sydney Olympic
3. They all Coached South Melbourne and Heidelberg
4. Tansell Baser
5. Paul Trimboli
6. John Kosmina
7. Heidelberg
8. Newcastle
9. Mooroolbark
10. Johnny Warren
11. South Africa
12. Australia qualified for 1974 World Cup Finals
13. Uruguay
14. Tony Vidmar & John Markovski (2 goals each)
15. John Markovski

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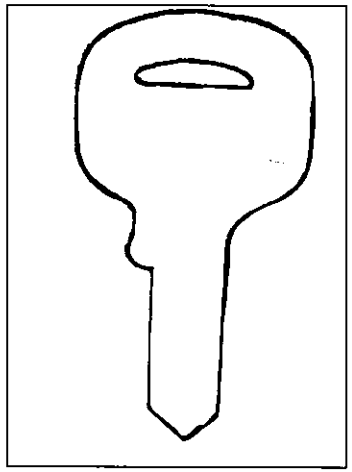

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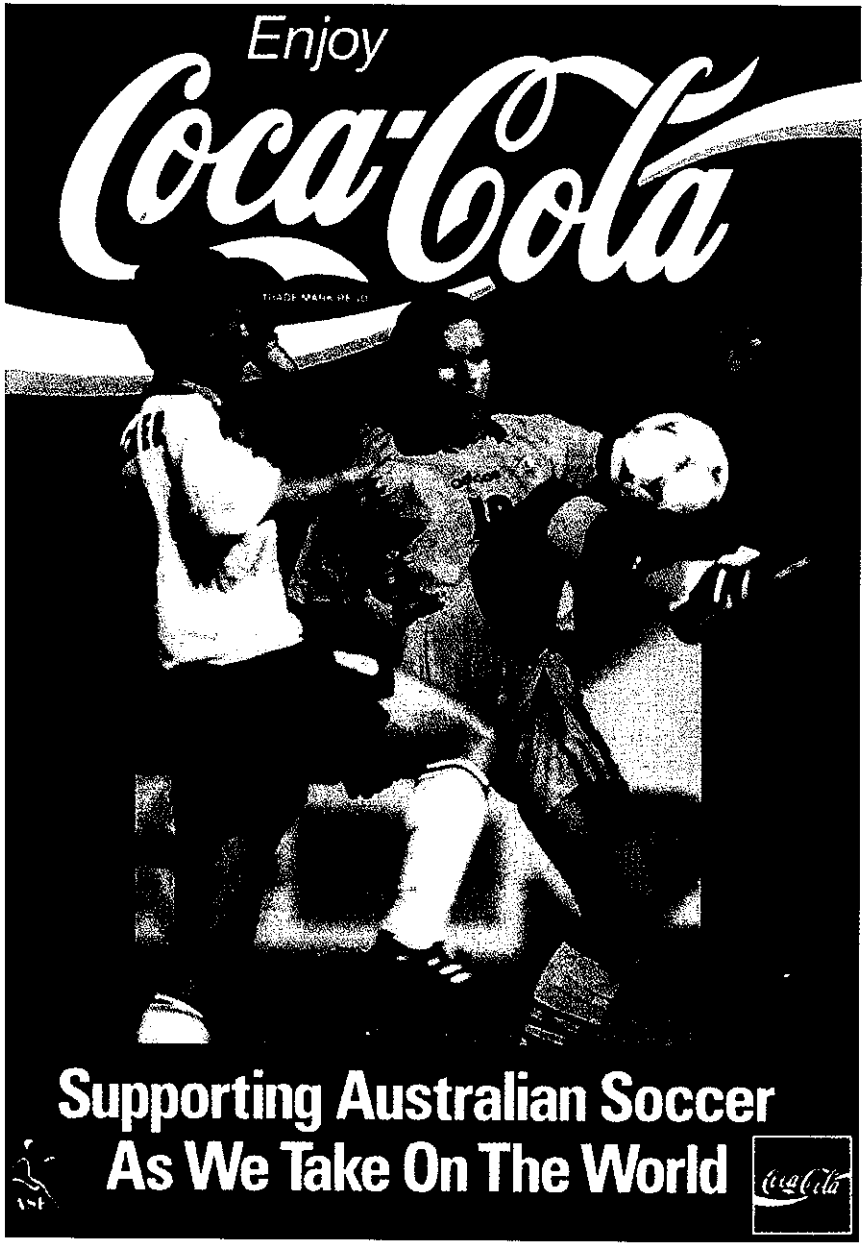

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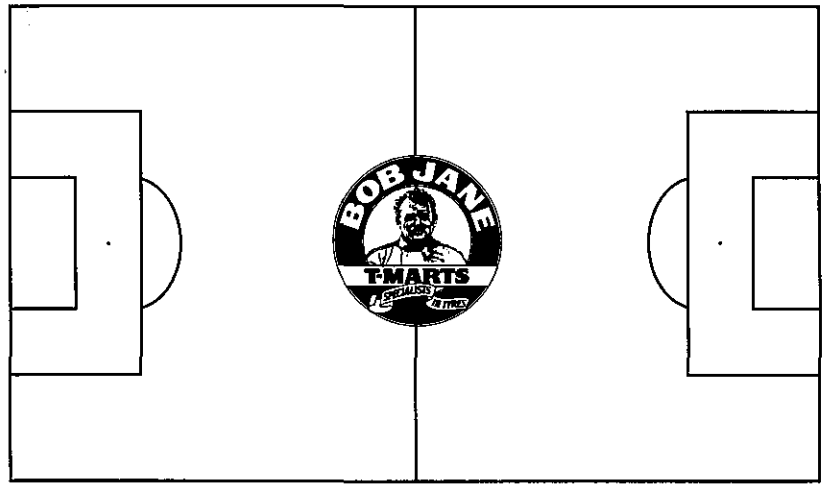

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KEN'S KORNER

Today's visitors are the Adelaide Sharks who have just changed their name to broaden their support base (not that they're the first, mind you). However, recent news from Adelaide suggest the possibility of an Adelaide City/Sharks merger. Of course, it's best not to say that too loud in the City of Churches, given the famous rivalry that exists between the two. Indeed, such talk has left officials of both Clubs furious with one Adelaide City official who stated to Greg Blake (Soccer Australia Magazine) "Not in this generation, not in the next hundred years. Basically their respective backgrounds would always prevent this becoming a possibility".

And it's not that we are immune either. As you know, South Melbourne (Hellas or Lakers, call it what you like) was formed from a merger between three Clubs. And only last season, talk flourished about a possibility of the 'unthinkable'. A merger between ourselves and the 'enemy', Heidelberg United. This was pretty much ruled out however, as the latter had just been through yet another failed merger, well known to all of us.

Although the above two examples seem to highlight the need for Clubs to be more competitive in the A-League, it is also necessary to preserve each Club's identity. As the late Laurie Schwab once argued, the 'artificial' Clubs may attract reasonable crowds when they're winning, but will struggle otherwise. On the other hand, given Perth's mercurial rise, would we be left for dead?

THE MOUTH AT SOUTH

Welcome to the first of our Friday night matches this season at Bob Jane Stadium…..
What's the latest????? Take a look…

➔Rumor has it that the Melbourne Knights have been offered a team spot in one of the big Asian Leagues (Malaysia is the word). This spot is also to include a major sponsorship package for the Knights if they accept…. But it means they would have to withdraw from the Ericsson Cup… Could we see the likes of a 'Knights vs Selangor' match at Somers Street???? Only time will tell.

➔Overheard outside the BJS prior to the match against UTS was the following conversation. **WARNING: -**

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Fan #2: Yeah, the money's probably not worth it.
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Fan #1: Why else would you do it?
Programme seller: Because it saves the club having to pay someone to do it.
Fan #2: What do you get out of it?
Programme seller: Why would I need to get anything out of it? I'm helping the club, aren't I?

➔**GOOOAL!!!!!!!!!!!!!! NOT QUITE!** Yes Vaughan, the scoreboard is where the goal goes, but only after you've put it in the back of the net! Looks like Coveny has mistaken the scoreboard at BJS for the goals. Unfortunately, his cracker of a shot didn't make the net and at the same time he broke the scoreboard. Rumor has it that Horsey will be paying for the damage out of his pay and will be also made to practise his shots on goal. Keep trying Vaughan !!! It'll end up in the net one day!!!!!

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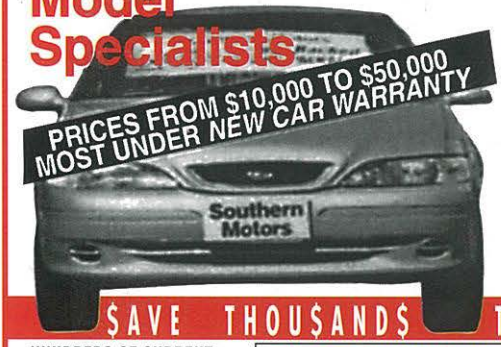

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